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Closer Look: Communion Rail and Steps

We look forward to the time when we can gather at tables around the altar to receive Communion. The architect designing that area did so with special symbolism. If you were to take a “bird’s eye view” and look down from above the sanctuary, you would see that the communion rail is twice as wide as it is deep. To make it a complete square, with the altar in the middle, the other half would be on the other side of the wall.

The significance is this. As our communion liturgy says, we worship “with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.” While we gather here, we are joined in faith with those who have crossed over to being guests at the wedding feast in heaven. All this is possible because Christ crucified and risen has purchased forgiveness for us and gives His body and blood to us, a foretaste of the feast to come!

9:00 am Elders/Communion: Wes Baker, Ryan Williams, Glenn Benter, Dave Boggs, John Watson, Tim Meyer, Corey Zaring, Todd Behmlander **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Counting:** Jerrell Hubbard, Max Siefker, Kyle Stanfield, Rick Zschiedrich, Greg Prange, Grant Hubbard **Altar Guild:** Jan Blomenberg **Acolyte:** Madison Schrader **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke/Don Luecke

11:15 am Elders: Ralph Wischmeier, John Bowen **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Mike Stuckwisch, Jeff Schneider **Acolyte:** Jaici Vaughn **Audio:** Jeff Hopkins

7:00 pm Elders: Steve Bobb, Monty Siefker **Acolyte:** Kaylen Turmail **Altar Guild:** Linda Schoenfelder

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9:00 Worship/ Communion 10:15 SS/Bible Study/AIC 11:15 Worship 4:00 FPU	8:35 Chapel 12:00 Gospel of Mark 5:30 AHG/Trail Life 7:00 Worship	7:00 Men’s Bible Study 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Christ Light Bible Study	3:15 Sr. Hi OYR 6:15 Brass 6:30 Women’s Bible Study 7:00 Woodwinds 7:00 Conf/AIC 7:30 Choir	12:00 Lunch with Pastor 5:00 Property 5:15 Fellowship & Assimilation 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Elders	10:30 Bible Class	

Additional Spiritual Support:

- **Dial a Meditation:** call 812-522-1345 anytime for a devotion prepared by one of our pastors or vicar.
- **Know Your Bible:** You can hear it each weekday at 6:55 a.m. on AM 1390

Bulletin and Resource Pick-up

Is available at door number 5 on Oesting Street. Drop in Monday- Friday from 8am - 5pm.

Bulletins and Informers for the upcoming week are available on THURSDAYS after 12 noon.

Join us for Worship Online at: <http://immanuelseymour.com/worship/>

You can also view services on the Immanuel YouTube channel at Immanuel Lutheran Seymour.



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INFORMER

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September 27, 2020

Needed to Finish

This is the last weekend in our fiscal year. Thanks to your support and God’s blessings, we are within reach of fulfilling our budgeted commitments for ministry, missions, and education. As of September 23 we still need 103,000.

Commitment Cards today:

Members, please fill out the Commitment card you received at home or the one included in the bulletin. **As you leave today, please place it in one of the marked boxes at the exits of the church.** They will not be gathered by Stewardship Board members.

In challenging times, some complain about things they cannot control. Others wait for things to get better. But Christians expect to work with God, who “in all things is at work for the good” (Romans 8).

Prayerfully consider how your prayers, gifts, and efforts can help advance Christ’s work of bringing hope and life to our world. As Jesus said, *“You are the light of the world. let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:14-16)

Hymns Are Back (and other changes)!

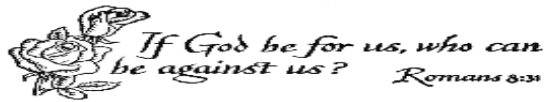
We would like to continue to focus on actions that have been shown to be helpful in preventing the transmission of the virus. The Health Department said last week that the virus degrades very quickly on paper products and surfaces, and so returning to the use of hymnals in church would be fine.

We have put hymnals back in the rows that are used for seating (every-other one). For several weeks, we will make available both the large sized bulletin and the smaller one and let people use what they are most comfortable with. After that, we will transition to primarily using the smaller bulletins with the large print being available by request. Starting next week bulletins will be available on the stands at each entrance.

The pastors and vicar will resume walking down the center aisle (with masks) during the closing hymn and will greet people outside the church at various exits.

Starting October 4, we will start inviting children to come up to a children’s message. There is plenty of room to spread out in the altar area, and families can help make that decision. Thanks for your support.

Immanuel’s Disaster Response team is deploying to Fairhope, Alabama to aid in the recovery after Hurricane Sally. Thousands of trees were destroyed during the storm leaving much destruction and hardship within this community. The team is leaving today after Bible Class and will return Saturday, October 3. Today we will have a Sending Service during the 9am service. Please keep this team as they travel today and next week, as well as the work they are doing for our Alabama brothers and sisters, in your prayers.



But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt 6:33

Totals from September 20, 2020

Unified Budget	\$45,134.40
Plate Offerings	\$1,126.25
Other Income	\$17,862.36
Total	\$64,123.01
Income & Gifts To Date	\$1,780,078.26
Donations to ILS 2019-2020	\$8,599.82
Total Gifts	\$1,788,678.08
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,913,880.06
Benevolence	\$1,222.00
Sunday Attendance/Communed	474/121
Monday Attendance	50
Online Views	377
Scottsburg Mission	
Attendance	7
Sunday Offering	\$306.00

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18: God's Word brings together two concepts that you don't see very often: stars and humility. Christians are to shine like the stars in this crooked and twisted world and to do it with the humility of Christ. Now there is a tall order! How is it done? One needy soul at a time. Christ is working through you for that "tall" purpose. He is working out salvation: the liberation of pain, struggle, challenge, emotional hurt, guilt, and shame through the forgiveness of sin, the loving of one another, the putting of others first, and He is doing it through you to others. You are that bright shining star giving glory to God in the humility of day to day living for Christ. Your life has significance, right where you are. You are the answer to someone's prayer with your Christ-like heart, words, and actions in the vineyard where you radiate with God's glory.

Great Commission

Corner

Official Acts

Nathan Nichols & Olivia Deighton were united in marriage on September 18.

Tyler Hill & Kasey Motsinger were united in marriage on September 19.

Liam Christopher Otte, son of Blake & Whitney (Bearden) Otte, was baptized on September 20.

Kinley Ray Borcharding, daughter of Will & Kamille (Brawner) Borcharding, was baptized on September 20.

Audio Issue Resolved

Last Sunday morning, the audio from our service went out over the radio and live stream but did not work in church, despite the best efforts of our audio team. The amplifier that powers the in-house speakers failed and was replaced on Tuesday. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Offerings

Thank you for your faithful support! You can drop your offering in the plate at the door or the regular offering boxes, mail to the church, or give on-line on our website, which is easy and secure.

Face Coverings: Thank You!

The Elders thank our members for choosing to wear a face covering in worship, especially at 11:15, to help provide a safer option for individuals who have underlying health issues.

Craft Show Canceled

The November 7, 2020 Ladies Aid 3 Craft Show has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bible Readings

9/27	Nehemiah 8-10	10/1	Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
9/28	Nehemiah 11-13 Psalms 126	10/2	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
9/29	Malachi	10/3	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
9/30	Luke 1; John 1:1-14		

New Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your new boxes of offering envelopes in the hallway today. **If you prefer to give online and do not need envelopes, please contact the church office.** Many of our members have been using that convenient form of giving. Thank you!

LWML Sunday

Next Sunday we join thousands of congregations in giving thanks to God for the faithful work of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Through their study of the Word, mite boxes, and mission projects, they help bring the saving message of Jesus to the world!

FALL FUNDRAISER

FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS AND TRAIL LIFE BOYS

Easy online ordering ends MONDAY!

www.immanuelseymour.com/connect/scouting-programs/

Proceeds benefit the purchase of scouting uniforms and other program expenses. Order forms are also available in the church office or from a scout.

Immanuel Guild Nut Sale

Nuts **will not** be available at the Immanuel Craft Show due to the cancellation of the show this year. All nuts will be \$10.00 per one-pound package. **Orders need to be placed by October 1st** and will be arriving approximately the first week of November. If you would like to order nuts, please contact one of our members: Sandy Kilgas (812-525-9675), Adrene Wunder (812-524-7241), Pat Nicholson (812-521-3070), Jackie Hill (812-528-0432).

Is your son or daughter a college student?

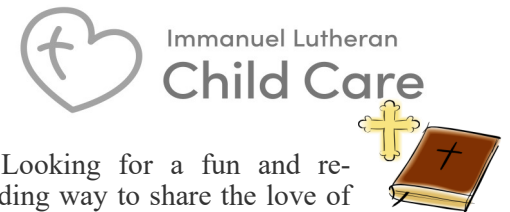
We'd like to reach out to them, remind them that their church remembers them and is praying for them, and send out some tokens of our remembrance. As part of the Barnabas program we'd like to have their names, addresses, and cellphone numbers to be in contact with them. Please call the church office and give us those details. The Board of Fellowship and Assimilation

St. John Sauers Men's Club will be having a drive thru Soup and Sandwich meal on Sunday, October 4th, from 4pm—7pm. Menu: chili or chicken soup, fish or hot dogs and assorted drinks. Free will offering.

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waymansville Fish Fry

The annual Waymansville fish fry will be held on October 18th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and will be drive-thru style this year. Our menu will include fish sandwiches, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cookies, and a drink. A freewill donation can be given in the drive-thru, and all proceeds will go to Lakeview Ministries this year.

MARION KAY SPICES ILS 7th grade fundraiser for Washington DC going on now through September 23. See any 7th grade for more information about ordering Marion Kay Spices.



Looking for a fun and rewarding way to share the love of Christ with His little children. What works best for you - 10, 20, 30 hours/week? Consider applying for a part-time job as a teacher's aide at Zion Lutheran School or at Immanuel Lutheran Child Care. High School Seniors may also apply and be eligible for afterschool work at Immanuel. For Zion you must be 18 years or older and you can email the office at ZLS@zionseymour.org or call 812-522-5911. You can call Patti Miller at Immanuel at 812-522-3118 or email at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com.

Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for two Robotics Coaches to help with the VEX Robotics program. Coaching commitment will be one day a week and helping at tournaments. Please contact Dallas Goecker with any questions or more information at (812)525-3516.